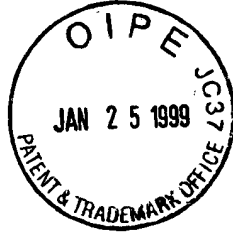


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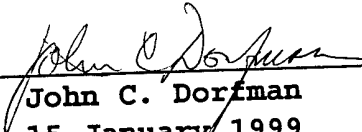
Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 2, line 20, after "component" insert --manufacturer--.
Page 9, line 15, cancel "a rear" and substitute --an--;
cancel line 16;
line 17, cancel "shown in Figures 3 and 4 removed".
Page 14, line 6, change "module" to --modules--.
Page 15, line 2, after "means" insert a comma (,) and the
following: --as illustrated much enlarged in Figures 7A and 7,--;
lines 11 and 12, cancel ", each of which is designated
generally 16" and substitute --16a, 16b and 16c--;
line 14, after "line" insert --20a, 20b and 20c--.
Page 18, line 3, cancel "the surfaces of the";
line 4, cancel "modules which face";

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